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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH 2005 FLOOD CONDITION REPORT NO. 10

REFERENCE: DHAKA 04395 DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

[1](#)1. Summary: This cable updates the information provided in the referenced cable. The monsoon was light to moderate over Bangladesh during the past week. The flood situation continues to improve in most places of the country. The Bangladesh Government Flood Forecasting and Warning Center reports falling water levels in most rivers of the country during the past few days. Severe river bank erosion caused by flooding was reported in the Brahmaputra-Jamuna basin. The Bangladesh Government (BDG) and relief agencies are monitoring the situation and are in contact with key disaster partners at the field and central levels. The BDG and a few local NGOs are providing assistance on a limited basis to the flood-affected people. End Summary.

[1](#)2. Rainfall: According to the BDG Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC) report dated September 11, 2005, the rainfall in the four river basins during the past few days was as follows:

- Light to moderate rainfall at many places over the Brahmaputra, the Meghna and the South Eastern Hill basins;
- Heavy rainfall at Mymensingh (57.5 mm) and Bhairab Bazar (52.0 mm) in the Brahmaputra basin; and
- Light rainfall at most places at most places over the Ganges basin.

[1](#)3. General River Conditions: The FFWC water level
el monitoring stations records for September 11, 2005, available from 80 reporting stations (out of the total 86 stations), indicated 22 stations rising, 56 stations falling and 2 stations remaining steady. Water levels at two stations were flowing above their respective danger levels. They are: the Balu at Demra of the Narayanganj District; and the Khowai at Ballah of the Hobiganj District.

[1](#)4. Regional Flood Conditions: The flood situation continues to improve with receding water in most places of the country. The overall flood situation is not at the danger stage. The monsoon flooding is localized and within local coping capacity. The Disaster Emergency Response local consultative sub-group (DER), consisting of BDG, donors, UN agencies, and implementing partner representatives reports severe river bank erosion by the Teesta and the Jamuna rivers in the Brahmaputra-Jamuna Basin. The affected districts are: Kurigram; Gaibandha; Sirajganj; and Bogra.

[1](#)5. Rainfall/Flood Prediction: According to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, light to moderate monsoon over Bangladesh is predicted for this week.

[1](#)6. Flood Response: BDG District-level Disaster Management Committees are monitoring the flood situation and providing rice and cash to the most needy. The DER reports distribution of food by the local NGOs in some flood affected areas.

[1](#)7. Mission Strategy: The Mission continues to closely monitor the flood conditions through its NGO partners and the Disaster Emergency Response local consultative sub-group.

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